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Commodity Fact Sheet  
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- **PRODUCT:** Plums (PU)
- **ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:** Fresh Whole Plums. Any color except green is acceptable. If the variety is easily identified, enter that information in the "Variety" section of the SIF. If the variety is not available, leave the "Variety" field blank. Sample collectors should not confuse the brand or trade name (i.e., Dole™, Libby's™) with variety name on the SIF.  
  
*Only when fresh plums are not available, **pitted** prunes or **pitted** dried plums may be sampled. Bite-size to extra-large sizes are acceptable to sample. Enter the same commodity code (PU) as for fresh plums. Enter "Prunes" or "Dried Plums" in the variety field of the SIF. Avoid any products with added nutritional components (vitamins, etc.).*
- **UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS:**
  1. Hybrids of plums with apricots, such as plumcots, pluots, or dinosaur eggs.; canned plums; green plums. Dried fruit mixtures.
  2. Canned prunes. Prune (or dried plum) juice. Prune or dried plum puree.
  3. Lemon, Cherry, or Orange Essence Dried Plums. The only acceptable ingredient besides the prune or dried plum is the preservative, potassium sorbate. Ensure that prunes or dried plums are NOT from any hybrid plum varieties.
- **AVAILABILITY:** Fresh Plums: Year- round, but mostly available from May through November. Prunes or Dried Plums: Year-round
- **SAMPLE SIZE:** Fresh Plums: 5 lbs. Prunes or Dried Plums: One 15-oz (425 grams) bag or box, or two 12- oz bags or boxes.
- **PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:** Fresh plums: ship with gel packs. Desired transit temperature is 34 to 46 F, 1 to 8 C; relative humidity 90 to 95%. Prunes or Dried Plums: gel packs are not necessary. Ensure that sealed packages are not punctured.
- **ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE:** Sensitive (fresh plums). They are also moderate ethylene producers when ripe.

***This fact sheet is to be used in conjunction with all applicable PDP Standard Operating Procedures <http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pdp/SOPs.htm>***

